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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- a. Group I, claim(s) 1-18, drawn to a filling process and apparatus.
 - b. Group II, claim(s) 19-21, drawn to a pliable container.
2. The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The invention set forth in group I, generally claims a duct which is comprised part of a container used for filling on an apparatus set forth in the claims. The process and apparatus claims do not set forth the inventive concepts set forth in claims 19-21. The container set forth in these claims utilizes a first segment, a second segment adjoining the first segment, a third segment adjoining the second segment, which further comprises an inlet.

For this reason, restriction is proper.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul R. Durand whose telephone number is (571)272-4459. The examiner can normally be reached on 0830-1700, Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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